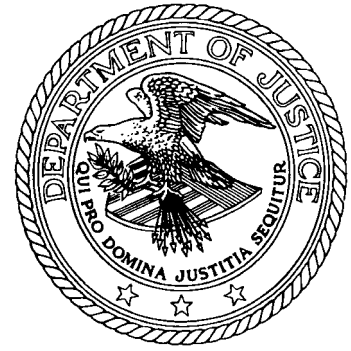


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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 28, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced the sentencing today in federal district court in San Diego of Eid Abed Daghlawi for drug-trafficking charges. United States District Court Judge Napoleon A. Jones sentenced Daghlawi to 188 months in custody and five years of supervised release. Daghlawi pled guilty on May 19, 2003, to conspiracy to distribute 131.20 kilograms of pseudoephedrine, a List I Chemical.

As part of his plea, Daghlawi admitted that he played a leading role in the conspiracy, as he was the San Diego source of supply of pseudoephedrine to his customers. Daghlawi admitted that he sent couriers from San Diego to pick up and deliver pseudoephedrine to customers in Central and Northern California. Daghlawi also admitted that he had money couriers who collected proceeds from the sale of pseudoephedrine.

The charges for which the defendant was found guilty arise from events that occurred from February 2001 to January 2002. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) began an investigation of defendant Daghlawi who was distributing large quantities of pseudoephedrine in Escondido, California. The investigation revealed a conspiracy to possess and distribute large quantities of pseudoephedrine, knowing

or having reasonable cause to believe that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. Eleven other defendants were previously sentenced. One defendant, Suhail Mata Abdallah, remains a fugitive.

During the course of the investigation in Southern California, approximately 3,000 pounds of pseudoephedrine were seized. Assets seized included \$1,000,000 in U.S. currency and approximately \$2.4 million in real property, including \$361,750 and real property owned by Eid Daghlawi, which was forfeited pursuant to a written plea agreement. Substantial assistance in these seizures was provided by state and local law enforcement, including the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office and the California State Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.

United States Attorney Lam stated, "This case was part of a nationwide effort to disrupt the flow of pseudoephedrine to methamphetamine lab operators. In order to reduce the number of meth labs in San Diego and throughout the country we must deny the supply of precursor chemicals to meth cooks."

DEA, with the cooperation and assistance of other federal agencies and local and state law enforcement, investigated and prosecuted cases in Chicago, Detroit, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego.

DEFENDANT

Eid Abed Daghlawi

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, U.S.C. Sections 846 and 841(c)(2) - Conspiracy to distribute a List I chemical (pseudoephedrine)
Maximum penalty: 20 years; fine of \$4,000,000; five years of supervised release.

AGENCIES

Drug Enforcement Administration
Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI Gang Task Force
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Internal Revenue Service
California State Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement
U.S. Marshals Service
Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
U.S. Postal Service